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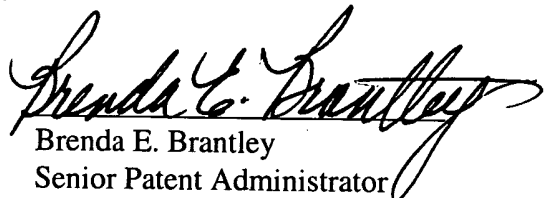
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- (1) Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821 and 1.825 [2 pgs.]
- (2) Sequence Listing [21 pgs.]
- (3) Computer readable form of Sequence Listing
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- (5) Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures [2 pgs.]
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Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file the items indicated below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, dated September 9, 2002, wherein it was indicated that Applicants failed to comply with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825 by furnishing an initial computer readable form copy of the "Sequence Listing" and an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing" as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application.

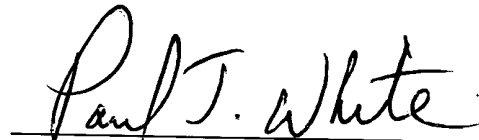
Applicants in compliance enclose a computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing and a paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Applicants also submit a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

A copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures is also enclosed.

Response

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Notice, dated August 20, 2002. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions that might expedite the prosecution of the patent case to allowance, Applicants' representative earnestly request a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Paul" is written with a large, looped 'P'. The middle initial "J." is written with a small 'J' followed by a period. The last name "White" is written with a large, looped 'W' and a trailing flourish.

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